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No.
SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen in account with the town of Plymouth.

	Dr.
To cash received, town notes given,	\$4,248 18
County treasurer's order,	989 00
“ “ “	117 18
To cash received of State Treasurer, railroad tax,	1,212 11
“ “ “ “ savings bank tax,	819 81
“ “ “ “ literary fund,	159 96
“ “ of Holderness, lighting bridge,	13 90
“ “ of Supt. town cemeteries, 1875,	36 53
“ “ for boards sold at Lower Intervale cemetery,	1 35
“ “ of liquor agent for 1876,	18 30
	\$7,616 32

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By cash paid Town Treasurer,	\$7,616 32

TREASURER'S REPORT.

A. G. Smythe, Treasurer, in account with the town of Plymouth.

	Dr.
To the assessment of State, County, Town and School taxes on residents,	\$11,305 47
To the assessment of State, County, Town and School taxes on non-residents,	252 74
Non-resident highway tax,	64 80
Tax on dogs,	119 00
Special tax, Dis. No. 6, on residents, 486 89	
“ “ 6, on non-residents, 17 50	504 39
“ “ 2,	634 40

Plymouth fire district tax,	418 65
Tax in hands of Collector for 1870,	10 52
“ “ “ 1871,	219 79
“ “ “ 1876,	1,495 16
Cash received from Selectmen,	7,616 32
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	1,416 08
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	\$24,057 32

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Paid Timothy Cheney, for note,	\$113 77
F. S. Batchelder, repairing hearse,	3 50
Susan W. Mudgett, for note,	58 55
Laura H. Barnard, endorsed on note,	51 00
V. N. Bass, printing town reports, 1877,	26 25
Lydia Kimball, interest on note,	4 80
F. W. A. Robie, care town hall for 1877 election,	3 00
Mrs. O. F. Gordon, endorsed on note,	25 00
J. F. Draper, for tax paid on horse in Holderness,	1 41
Mary F. Bartlett, for note,	624 09
Peter Whittemore, for use of drag,	2 00
O. G. Smith, for note,	1,509 32
James Kuble, services with hearse at six funerals,	12 00
John S. Morrison, public water trough for the year 1876,	2 00
James Kuble, services with hearse at three funerals,	6 00
Peter Walker, for note,	224 67
Mrs. O. F. Gordon, endorsed on note,	125 00
W. W. Wilkinson, balance due for collecting tax 1876,	28 66
U. S. & Canada express,	1 70
Margaret Clark, for note,	1,151 80
James Kuble, services with hearse at three funerals,	6 00
O. G. Smith, for two set hand-cuffs,	7 50
Horace Eastman, work on lobby,	5 25
H. J. Kent, painting hearse,	20 00
Edward B. Evans, over-tax,	.51
Timothy Cheney, for note,	191 09
“ “ “	73 07

Paid Hannah Weed, interest on note,	5 00
G. H. Corliss, services as police at fair,	4 00
Grafton Co. treasurer, County tax,	2,176 55
A. W. Avery, endorsed on Ruth Avery note,	325 00
S. W. Davis, damage to horse breaking through bridge,	5 00
S. & G. W. Martin, public water trough,	3 00
C. H. Bowles, repairing lobby,	15 25
James Kuble, services with hearse at eight funerals,	16 00
Henry O. Morrill, for note,	214 13
James Kuble, services with hearse at three funerals,	6 00
F. P. Morse, bounty on eight foxes,	4 00
G. A. Clark " " three "	1 50
Avery Dearborn, endorsed on note,	25 00
Lydia Kimball " " "	4 80
W. W. Wilkinson, part payment for collecting taxes in 1877,	100 00
E. R. Sawyer, for note,	158 88
J. G. Fletcher, bounty on fox,	.50
State tax,	1,580 00
Bliss Davis, over-tax on horse,	.85
Charles Morse, bounty on six foxes and one hawk,	3 20
C. R. Crawford, for work on lobby,	3 00
James Kuble, for services with hearse three funerals,	6 00
G. C. Gillott, referee,	.50
Allowed collector, 1877, on non-resident tax,	31 55
J. F. Sanborn, services as police at county fair,	4 00
C. R. Crawford, services as police for 1877, including fair,	13 72
O. G. Smith, for four quilts for lobby,	3 00
D. R. Bartlett, bounty on fox,	.50
E. R. Huckins, bounty on hawk,	.20
T. E. Bayley, services as police for 1877,	9 00
T. W. Burley, for note,	294 19
Burrows & Jewell, attorney fees,	198 05
Ellen F. Merril, for note,	260 90
Mason & Weeks, wood for lobby,	2 25
Lydia Kimball, for note,	80 00

Paid Otis Young, Jr., police services for 1877,	4 00
Jona. L. Clay, for support Nettie Lovejoy in 1875,	9 10

School Money paid as follows :

School Dis. No. 1, including literary money,	\$132 31
“ 2, “ “	775 69
“ 3, “ “	109 01
“ 4, “ “	45 24
“ 5, “ “	52 21
“ 6, “ “	139 96
“ 7, “ “	31 18
“ 8, “ “	61 19
“ 9, “ “	100 04
“ 12, “ “	113 57
Union district, Plymouth and Bridgewater,	27 10
	———— 1,587 50
Paid Seth Doton, overseer poor, per orders,	1,535 00

Highway Money Paid as follows :

O. G. Smith, labor and money repairing the Dan'l Currier bridge, Dis. No. 1,	96 40
B. C. & M. R. R. freight of stone Dis. 2,	14 70
A. F. Pike, for covering stone “	35 00
Gust Walker, for picks and shovels,	17 12
Burrows & Hull, highway surveyors, labor; bricks and cement for sewer, .	349 26
Burrows & Hull, over work in Dis. 2,	40 00
	———— 456 08
District No. 4.	
George P. Cook, labor and building drains,	39 06
“ “ “ for hemlock plank	20 43
	———— 59 49
District No. 7.	
Isaac Huckins, breaking roads,	6 46
D. R. Bartlett, repairing bridge and highway,	12 37
	———— 18 83

District No. 8.

M. Perrin, for over work and lumber,	17 77	
S. F. Nutting, for breaking roads in '76-'77	5 85	
John K. Brown, labor on highway and re- pairing bridges,	14 42	
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District No. 11.

E. E. Merrill, plank and breaking roads,	6 40	
T. J. Adams, labor on highway and public water trough,	16 00	
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District No. 12.

S. M. Morse, for cutting out roads,	10 65	
" " for plank,	2 00	
" " for labor,	9 58	
" " for damage to plow,	6 24	
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District No. 13.

W. H. Sawyer, for labor on highway,	3 00	
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District No. 14.

G. R. Cummings, for labor on highway,	12 92	
C. H. Martin, breaking roads,	3 15	
Samuel Dearborn, breaking roads,	5 25	
G. R. Cummings, breaking roads and repairing highway,	6 90	
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District No. 15.

B. F. Robinson, breaking roads in '76-77,	2 85	
Enoch Stevens breaking roads in 1876,	1 45	
Jona. J. Nutting, for crossing land in '75-'76-77,	24 00	
W. W. Haseltine, repairing highway,	60 91	
W. H. Palmer, labor on highway,	1 50	
W. R. Park, for plank, Dis. 15,	5 50	
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District No. 16.

Benj. Kidder, breaking roads in 1876,	23 80	
" " over work,	9 00	
" " labor on highway,	10 00	

Elliott Hall, labor on highway	4 50	
	————	47 30
District No. 17.		
R. B. Clark, breaking roads,	32 70	
J. S. Blodgett, plank, stone and gravel,	5 48	
	————	38 18
District No. 18.		
Charles W. George, labor on highway,	10 00	
S. M. Spencer, breaking roads,	2 00	
“ “ public water trough,	1 50	
	————	13 50
D. F. Cummings, public water trough,	3 00	
“ “ running line,	1 00	
	————	4 00
W. R. Park, for hemlock plank,		32 50
C. H. Morrill, public water trough,		3 00
Smith Rowe, public water trough,		3 00
A. R. Smith, labor &c., on Thyng road,		11 75
Rufus Foster, part payment for work on Baker's river bridge,		200 00
Rufus Foster, balance due for work on Baker's river bridge,		200 00
J. S. Morrison, for filling washout at Smith's bridge,		11 25
P. Fox, oil furnished for lighting Baker's river bridge,		7 20
M. Sargent, for lighting Baker's river bridge and repairing lamps,		15 20
Webster, Russell & Co., for powder and oil,		19 08
Perley Faucett, lighting bridge,	3 75	
“ “ “ “	3 85	
“ “ “ “	3 85	
“ “ “ “	3 75	
“ “ “ “	3 75	
	————	18 95
A. W. Avery, for necessary changes in mill on account of highway,		14 25
Mrs. W. F. Glidden, land damage for new highway		25 00
A. W. Avery, “ “		100 00
A. W. Avery & Co., “ “		7 00

B. F. Smith, building new highway,	55 00
A. W. Avery, for plank for highways,	14 18

Paid Expenses of Wooster Suit, as follows:

L. M. Howe, for sheriff and witness fees,	25 00
L. M. Howe, witness fees,	20 33
L. M. Howe, attorneys bill, in part,	160 75
L. M. Howe, witness fees and other expenses,	142 70
L. M. Howe, services as committee,	15 00
W. G. Hull, services in Wooster suit,	68 85
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Paid Cemetery Expenses as follows:

Chas. A. Jewell, for rails and pickets at turnpike,	29 70
“ “ for curbing cemetery fountain,	
in part,	70 00
“ “ in part, for bringing water to	
cemetery,	250 00
“ “ in part payment for basin in	
town cemetery,	75 00
“ “ expense bringing water to town	
cemetery, in part,	125 00
“ “ for labor on town cemetery,	19 75
“ “ fencing material and paint for	
turnpike cemetery,	20 08
“ “ expense of superintendent and	
expense paid out on town	
cemetery,	31 20
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S. W. Davis, in part, special tax, Dis. No. 2, for 1876,	29 68
“ “ balance, “ “ 2, 1876,	23 12
“ “ in part, “ “ 2, 1877,	525 00
Seth Doton, special tax, Dis. No. 6, for 1876,	110 24
“ “ “ 6, 1877,	438 52
Alvin Burleigh, special tax in fire district,	298 00
John McDonald, for note,	193 39
“ “ “	114 38
“ “ “	532 33
“ “ “	99 52

W. W. Wilkinson, abatements for 1876,	101 25
H. M. Rogers, care and board of tramps,	82 32
Sally Luce, for note,	113 88
Nathaniel E. Wyatt, for note,	259 58
Mrs. E. G. McDonald, for three notes,	691 71
Ann M. Heath, for two notes,	393 18
C. A. Lewis, damage to sheep by dogs,	2 00
Smith Rowe, snowing Baker's and Pemigewasset bridges,	9 27
C. A. Jewell, services as superintendent of schools,	60 00
M. S. Brown, rent of town hall,	55 00
L. C. Payne, for repairing lantern at Pemigewasset bridge,	3 53
Seth Doton, services as overseer of poor,	35 00
“ for journeys and expenses as overseer of the poor,	22 31
Simeon Eastman, for work on lobby,	13 00
R. E. Smythe, services as town clerk,	50 00
A. G. Smythe, services as town treasurer,	100 00
H. M. Rogers, services as selectman,	147 00
O. G. Smith, “ “	135 00
T. J. Adams, “ “	135 00
M. S. Brown, damages to carriage, and wood for lobby,	5 75
V. N. Bass, stationery and printing,	24 37
Fire wardens, Plymouth fire district,	68 05
S. W. Davis, special tax due district two, in part, for 1877,	33 12
A. G. Smythe, rent of hall,	18 00
J. S. Morrison, for clay and labor on highway in district No. 11,	7 00
“ “ for public water trough,	1 50
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W. W. Gibson, clay and labor furnished district No. 11,	9 75
W. W. Wilkinson, collector, abatements allowed for 1877,	33 70
W. W. Wilkinson, in part, for services as collector, 1877,	50 00

W. M. Pressey, for services as police, bedding, rent of land for lobby, and crackers furnished tramps,	40 00
G. W. Garland, for moving plank,	1 75
Tax in hand of collector, 1870,	10 52
“ “ “ 1871,	219 79
“ “ “ 1877,	2,265 46
Cash paid auditors,	5 00
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	780 45
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	\$24,057 32

We have examined the account of the selectmen and treasurer for the year ending March 1, 1878, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

CYRUS KENISTON, }
HENRY C. CURRIER, } Auditors.

Plymouth, N. H., February 27, 1878.

Indebtedness of the Town, March 1, 1878.

Notes and interest to March 1, 1878,	\$20,584 48
Due district No. 6, balance of special tax.	65 87
“ “ 2, “ “	76 28
Due Plymouth village fire district,	52 60
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	\$20,779 23

Assets, March 1, 1878.

Balance J. F. & W. F. Langdon's note and interest.	825 83
Due from the County for support of paupers,	714 76
“ town of Campton, “ “	20 00
“ town of Groton, “ “	9 10
Cart and plow,	30 00
Liquor and casks,	37 46
Forty stone posts,	40 00
Due from the overseer of the poor for 1877,	23 68
Due from the collector for 1870,	10 52
Due from the collector for 1871,	219 79
Due from the collector for 1877,	2,265 46

Cash in the hands of town treasurer,	780 45
Due for lots sold from town cemeteries,	75 00
Due for stone sold,	13 50
Covering stone, plank and highway tools	36 25
Due from town liquor agent for 1876,	24 43
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	\$5,126 22
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Total indebtedness,	\$15,653 01
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A reduction of the town debt since March 1, 1877, \$3,040 77

H. M. ROGERS,	} Selectmen of Plymouth.
O. G. SMITH,	
T. J. ADAMS,	

REPORT OF OVERSEER OF POOR.

Seth Doton, Overseer of Poor, in account with the town of
Plymouth, for the year ending March 1, 1878.

May.	To cash received of overseer of 1876,	\$31 11
"	" " County treasurer,	988 00
Nov.	" " " "	117 18
	To cash received of County of Belknap,	24 96
"	" " Merrimack,	7 08
"	" " Town of New Hampton,	21 63
"	" " Orders on town treasurer,	1,535 00
		\$2,724 96

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By paid for support of	Samuel Foster,	181 95
"	" Mrs. Fannie Clark,	60 25
"	" William Webber,	85 36
"	" George W. Downing,	43 00
"	" Mrs. E. B. Conner,	16 75
"	" Frank Bruce,	19 00
"	" Mary Bruce,	156 00
"	" Geo. R. Cayes, at reform school,	50 36
"	" William Doe, " "	16 63
"	" Francis Glover, " "	9 10
"	" Kate Hunt's child,	5 00
"	" Mrs. Roxanna Stearns.	108 34
"	" Mrs. Mary C. Blake,	94 75
"	" Mrs. Rebecca Hall,	24 96
"	" John C. Gilpatrick,	169 74
"	" John G. Barrett,	17 85
"	" John B. Eastman.	4 50
"	" Luther Webber and wife.	118 28
"	" John Stewart,	48 15
"	" William Stewart.	7 08
"	" William Andrews.	46 47
"	" Mrs. Sarah T. Stevens.	188 52

By paid for support of John W. Cilley.	43	13
“ “ Transient paupers.	19	55
“ “ Tramps,	20	75
“ “ Mrs. C. B. Adams,	20	63
“ “ Mrs. Kate Hunt, for two children,	20	00
By paid town treasurer, orders received of Co. treasurer.	988	00
“ “ “ “	117	18
Cash in hands of Overseer,	23	68
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	\$2,724	96

SETH DOTON, Overseer of the Poor.

REPORT OF SUPT. OF TOWN CEMETERIES.

Charles A. Jewell, Superintendent of Cemeteries.

	Dr.
To balance in hands from last year,	\$10 00
1877.	
July 14. Received by order on town treasurer.	70 00
Aug. 4. " " " "	250 00
4. " " " "	29 70
11. " " " "	75 00
Oct. 17. " " " "	125 00
Dec. 29. " " " "	19 75
29. " " " "	20 08
1878.	
Jan. Received of Smith Rowe, for lot,	15 00
" Freeman L. Evans, for lot,	10 00
Feb. 23. " O. G. Smith, for stone posts,	3 50
23. " by order on town treasurer,	31 21
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	\$659 24

Paid out as per vouchers on file.

George Woodman & Co., for 1856 feet of tarred water pipe, and for valves and fittings,	127 91
M. D. Jones, & Co., for two jets and fittings,	3 75
George Woodman & Co., for 170 feet tarred water pipe,	8 41
George Woodman & Co., exchange on valve,	.49
Freight bill on pipe and fittings from Boston,	11 73
U. S. & Canada Express Co., express on last lot of pipe,	2 75
A. R. Smith, for work on reservoir for new cemetery,	8 00
John Brown, for work in new cemetery,	5 00
John Whiteman, for work on reservoir,	5 60
George Downing, work in new cemetery,	4 88
Benj. F. Smith, for work on reservoir,	16 00
Polly L. Smith, for board of Smith and others,	2 67
Andrew Lyman, for work laying foundation for fountain,	10 50
Timothy Murphy, for work in new cemetery,	4 50
Chase P. Leavitt, for work in new cemetery,	9 00
George W. Garland, for work with team,	11 00
Webster, Russell & Co., for 2 3-4 barrels cement,	8 75
George D. Keniston, in part, for stone curbing for fountain,	70 00
L. C. Payne, for copper strainer for pipe,	.75
C. F. Green, work in new cemetery,	3 00
I. M. Merrill, for mason's pattern for cemetery basin,	1 00
George W. Worthen, for tub, wrench, &c.,	3 00
Jacob Sellingham, for work in new cemetery,	18 86
Plummer Fox, for powder and fuse for blasting reservoir,	2 27
John Chandler, for work in new cemetery,	1 75
Jesse Wallace, for work in new cemetery,	5 62
Chase P. Leavitt, for work in new cemetery,	3 00
I. M. Merrill, for covers and wood work for cemetery	3 00
George D. Keniston, balance on stone curbing and extra work,	81 00
John C. Berry, for stone work,	1 00
D. F. Cummings, for work in new cemetery,	4 50
T. J. Adams, for brick for cemetery basin,	25 00
George W. Gower, for mason work on cemetery basin,	11 25

Cyrus Keniston, for 1-2 barrel of cement,	1 50
William Alexander, for work on pipe, ditch and other work in cemetery,	30 00
John F. Sanborn, for work in cemetery,	14 25
Smith Rowe, for work with team in cemetery,	27 25
Freeman L. Evans, for work of self and son in cemetery,	10 00
Webster, Russell, & Co., for one barrel Roman cement	7 00
For five casks common cement,	15 00
Moody Page, for work in cemetery,	18 02
W. B. Ames, for stakes for cemetery,	2 50
For materials and expenses,	28 50
Henry Cumings, for horse at cemetery,	.50
Philander Wood, for work in cemetery,	.50
J. Keeble, for drawing pipe,	1 00
W. R. Park, for lumber and pickets for turnpike cemetery fence,	29 70
Webster, Russell, & Co., for oil and paint for turnpike cemetery fence,	15 63
Frank P. Morse, for drawing lumber and for rails, bolts and hinges for turnpike cemetery fence,	5 70

Whole amount paid out,	\$682 99
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Whole amount received from the sale of lots and from the town,	\$659 24
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Amount paid out in excess of receipts from sale of lots and from the town,	\$23 75
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This amount of \$23,75 has been paid from the
private fund contributed by individuals.

Assets.

Now due for lots sold,	75 00
Due for stone posts sold,	13 50
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	\$88 50

In addition to the amount thus expended, the lot owners
and others interested in the town cemetery, have contributed
in labor about fifty days work.

A liberal donation of \$55.00 has been made by Cyrus Keniston, and another of \$14.00 by A. W. Avery and W. L. Glidden, to be expended in improvements in the town cemetery. Of the amount so contributed, \$23.75 has already been applied, and an order has been given for shrubs and ornamental shade trees, to be paid for from this fund.

During the past year water has been brought into the town cemetery, and a fountain basin with stone curbing put in, a reservoir was dug on the hill opposite the cemetery, on land of Moody Page, and a good supply of water obtained. From this reservoir water is conveyed in tarred iron pipe, a distance of about ninety rods, to the center of the cemetery. The pipe is all laid below frost point, and there is also an arrangement by which, in winter, the water can be shut off and the pipe drained. A large amount of grading has been done. The walks and driveways have been plowed and graded, and decided improvements made. In return for this expenditure a large amount will soon be realized from the sale of lots.

A new fence has been put around the turnpike cemetery. The town furnishing the material and the lot owners doing the work.

In superintending the introduction of water into the town cemetery, and looking after the other improvements there, I have spent considerable time, but I have charged nothing for my time or personal services. I have given it all freely, in the hope that this cemetery might be made an honor to our civilization, and that we might make attractive to the living the last resting place of our dead.

A voucher is on file with the selectmen for every dollar expended, to which I invite your attention for a fuller explanation.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. JEWELL,

Superintendent of Cemeteries.

Plymouth, March 1, 1878.

REPORT OF HIGHWAY SURVEYORS, DIS. NO. 2.

J. Burrows and W. G. Hull, in account with Highway District
No. 2, in Plymouth.

1877.

Dr.

April. To amount of highway taxes as committed
to us for collection,

\$1.548 09

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By Atkinson, Benjamin, labor,	12 55
Adams, George H., cash,	.50
Arris, Bessie, “	.50
Armstrong, G. R. “	.65
Berry, J. C., labor,	3 50
Bayley, T. E., “ in part,	3 00
Brown, D. M., “	2 00
Ballou, F. W., “	3 00
Bass, Van N., “	9 25
Barrows, L. D., “	6 00
Brown, C. K., “	.50
Brown, M. S., “	13 57
Burrows, J., “	9 65
Bayley, E. S., “ in part,	3 00
Brock, Leonard, “	2 00
Blodgett, E. G., “	3 25
Bachelder, C. G., “ in part,	.34
Bayley, G. W., cash “	8 00
Brown, C. A., labor,	.50
Brown, Samuel, “	.50
Brainard, J. S., “	5 50
Burleigh, Alvin, cash,	.50
Blair, H. W., labor,	15 50
Blaisdell, W. D., “	10 25
Bickford, A. C., “	4 50
Buchanan & Willis, “	17 55
B. C. & M. R. R., cash,	4 00
Blaisdell & Chase, labor, in part,	1 00

Burrows, H.	labor, in part,	.50
Blodgett, E. R.	cash,	.50
Brackett, W. R.	"	6 25
Bachelder, F. S.	"	.50
Bayley, & Chase	labor,	3 00
Clark, Hiram	"	4 50
Chase, Jona	"	.50
Cutter, J. T. & Sons	labor,	18 29
Calden, B. L., Mrs.	cash,	.25
Cummings, D. F.	labor,	4 15
Clifford, C. P.	"	7 50
Chase, J. C.	cash,	.50
Chase, R. A.	labor,	6 50
Caldon, B. L.	cash,	.50
Chester, F. H.	labor,	3 00
Chase, H. L.	cash,	.50
Chase, H. S.	labor, in part,	6 26
Chase, W. G.	cash,	.50
Chase, S. R.	labor,	9 77
Calden, Tho.	"	.50
Cheney, Timothy	"	7 00
Coffee, Edward	"	5 80
Crawford, P. H.	"	5 50
Calley, C. W.	" in part,	7 50
Clark, B. F.	cash,	.50
Connel, D. M.	labor in part,	3 00
Calden, Sarah, M.	"	5 50
Clark, & Cummings	"	2 00
Clark, Nathaniel (heirs)	labor,	1 50
Clark, Albert	"	.50
Downing, Geo.	"	.50
Dearborn, G. F.	"	7 23
Dearborn, Eliza, G.	"	31 50
Dougherty, C.	"	2 00
Dickey, M. V.	"	1 09
Davis, W. R.	"	3 15
Dodge, J. A.	"	18 00
Dearborn, Milton	"	2 25
Dole, C. A. (adm'r)	cash,	27 00

Eastman, Horace	labor.	3 45
Eastman, Simeon	"	6 20
Eastman, Alonzo	"	2 50
Eastman, G. W.	"	6 45
Eastman, Aaron	"	.92
Eastman, Esther	"	6 50
Flanders, D. B.	"	.50
Flanders, W. G.	"	3 25
Fellows, C. A.	"	3 50
Farnum, H. B.	"	4 00
Ferren, M. A.	"	.50
Ferren, & Wilkinson	"	2 00
Farnham, J. U.	cash.	.50
Foster, Rufus	labor.	9 90
Fox, Plummer	"	29 47
George, H. S.	"	21 25
Garland, G. W.	"	8 31
Gilman, P. R.	"	4 62
Gilman, G. D.	cash.	.50
Grant, D. G.	labor.	4 62
Green, F. C.	"	.50
Gordon, H. S.	"	2 75
Hazeltine, Chas.	"	19 62
Hazeltine, H. W.	"	.50
Hazeltine, A. S.	"	.50
Houston, Gilman	"	11 40
Howe, L. M.	"	17 50
Horner, W. L.	"	2 00
Harris, G. H., Jr.	cash.	1 00
Hull, L. A.	labor.	1 25
Hull, W. G.	"	18 66
Huckins, J. P.	"	7 00
Harran, J. L.	"	.50
Hill, W. H.	"	9 00
Hill, L. S.	"	2 00
Heath, Eliza, (estate)	"	6 00
Howe, J. M.	"	1 00
Hall, L. A., Mrs.	"	.50
Hill & Nutter	"	1 70

Huckins, G. R.	labor.	3 00
Huckins, M. L.	"	.95
Kent, H. J.	cash	.50
Keniston, Cyrus	labor, in part,	10 62
Kimball, W. R.	cash.	6 60
Kelsey, A. P.	"	.50
Keeble, James	labor.	13 98
Keniston, J., (heirs)	labor, \$27.15, cash, \$3.35.	30 50
Langdon, J. F.	labor.	19 82
Langdon, W. F.	"	10 50
Langdon, F. & W. F.	"	.50
Leavitt, C. P.	labor.	.95
Lougee, F. C.,	cash,	.50
Lowd, Mary	labor,	2 00
Leverett, Mrs.	"	11 00
Leverett, Wm. (heirs)	"	5 00
Littleton Stage Co.	cash.	3 00
Lougee, H. H.	labor,	.50
Morton, J. F. (heirs)	cash.	20 00
Moulton, C. C.	labor.	.50
McQuesten, H. H.	" in part,	1 50
Mason, John	" "	22 50
Mason & Weeks	" "	5 17
Morse, F. A.	"	.50
Martin, T. H.	"	.50
Merrill, B. P.	cash.	9 15
Morse, C. M.	labor,	1 28
Mudgett, J. H.	"	9 50
Moulton, J. & C. C.	"	9 50
Murphy, Timothy	"	1 25
Merrill, I. M., Mrs.	"	4 00
Morrison, J., (heirs)	"	3 50
Merrill, L. F.	"	.50
Merrill, L. F. Mrs.	"	6 00
Northey, Hannah	"	5 50
Nixon, George	cash.	.50
Osgood, E. J., Miss	"	.80
Park, W. R.	labor, in part,	11 82
Pressey, W. M.	"	9 00

Payne, L. C.	labor,	4 50
Preston, J. W.	..	16 74
Pemigewassett Stage Co.	cash.	8 95
Pemigewassett Hotel Co.	..	82 00
Palmer, S. H.	labor.	1 75
Pressey, Thomas	..	9 15
Pressey & Rogers	..	4 00
Pressey & Hodge	..	4 25
Parker, Curtice	..	.75
Rogers, J. L.	.. \$17.50, dirt \$6.00.	23 50
Robie, F. W. A.	..	.50
Raymond, W. H.	cash.	.50
Russell, W. W.	labor.	2 50
Russell, F. W.	..	1 45
Robie, James	..	4 00
Rogers, T.	.. in part.	6 90
Robie, W. J.45
Robie, Lucinda	..	6 75
Robie, Thomas	..	9 00
Ripley, W. Z.	..	10 00
Rowe, Fanny	..	2 00
Ranlet, A. W., widow	cash.	5 00
Russell, W. W., (heirs)	labor.	54 75
Smith, B. F.	..	1 50
Sanborn, C. E.	..	3 50
Sargent, Moses	..	.65
Sargent, E. G.	..	5 00
Sargent, F. O.	..	.50
Sanborn, J. A.	..	2 05
Smith, E. K.	..	12 53
Smith, J. A.	..	.50
Smith, F. J.	cash,	.50
Smith, Alex. G.	labor.	13 55
Sargent, Cyrus	labor.	3 00
Smith, O. G.	cash.	.50
Smith, H. D.	labor.	9 70
Smith, A. G.	..	1 00
Smith & Marden	..	7 00
Smith, G. S. (heirs.)	..	12 00

Smith, J. B.	labor,	.50
Sanborn, Simon	"	2 75
Spaulding, G. C.	"	7 00
Tufts, J. S.	" \$8.70 cash, \$15.00,	23 70
Whittier, C. M.	cash,	9 50
White, Henry	labor,	.50
Wood, Philander Mrs.	"	3 00
Wood, Philander	"	.50
Woodury, H. S.	"	4 00
Worthern, G. W. allowed on bill,		11 00
Wilkinson, Mary E.	"	6 50
Webster, Russell & Co.,	{ Store account, \$51.24, }	45 30
	{ Cash, .51 }	
Webster, S. C.,	{ Labor, 9.05 }	15 50
Ward, George	cash,	.50
Whiteman, J. W.	labor,	.50
Young, Otis	"	17 75
Abbott, J. H.	"	1 25
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		\$1,294.88

Unpaid Taxes.

Adams, E. A.	.50
Bayley, T. E. in part,	.48
Bayley, E. S. "	3 00
Boynton, John	5 40
Bachelor, C. G., in part,	1 83
Bayley, G. W. "	2 00
Barnard, G. B.	.50
Blaisdell & Chase, in part,	1 00
Blaisdell, Washington	.50
Boynton, J. M.	.50
Crawford, C. R.	3 19
Cummings, D. E.	.50
Clark, S. C. V.	.50
Chase, H. S., in part,	6 25
Connell, David	.50
Connell, D. M. in part,	.50
Calley, C. W. "	34 00

Calley, Park & Barrows	.57
Davis, S. W.	16 75
Daniels, C. H.	.57
Dearborn, B. B.	.50
Dickerson, W. R.	2 50
Eastman, Geo.	.50
Ferry, John	.50
Greenleaf, E. B.	2 25
Green, Eliza, A.	3 00
Gower, G. W.	.50
Gray, S. W.	.65
Hodge, E. D.	.50
Keniston, C., in part	2 38
Heath, W. C.	.50
Kinsman, S. D.	1 29
Kimball, J. H.	.50
Little, G. W.	20 66
Chandler, John	5 50
Conant, Emma	.50
Littlefield, G. A.	.50
Lewis, F. T.	.50
McQuesten, H. H., in part	3 50
Mason, John	1 65
Mason & Weeks	10 13
Merrill, H. W.	5 50
Merrill, A. M.	.75
Merrill, F. A.	.50
Nelson, A. B., Mrs.	.35
Nelson, James	.60
Ordway, G. T.	1 75
Perkins, H. B.	10 82
Park, W. R., in part.	3 38
Park, W. R., Jr.	.50
Pebbles, G. D.	.50
Poor, G. S.	.50
Pebbles, Byron	.50
Pressey, O. T.	.50
Ridout, C. F.	.50
Robbins, J. E.	.50

Rogers, T., in part,	3 00
Robie, G. B.	.50
Ryan, M. A., Miss	.50
Robie, W. J., in part,	1 05
Ripley, W, C.	.50
Robinson, J. S.	.50
Rowe, A. N.	.50
Smythe, R. E.	.50
Swasey, J. A.	1 60
Smith, H. W.	10 52
Smith, M. S.	.50
Stevens, J. B.	.50
Scott, G. H.	.50
Toby, Chas.	.50
Tufts, J. S., in part,	6 11
Tucker, W. E.	.50
Weeks, F. H.	8 83
Weeks, N. H.	47 90
Wiggin, F. G.	3 20
Whipple, W. W.	.50
Williams, Edward	.50
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Amount of unpaid taxes	253 21
Amount of paid taxes,	1,294 88
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	1,548 09

CASH ACCOUNT.

Receipts.

1877-78.

Received of Bessie Arris	tax,	.50
G. S. Armstrong	"	.65
E. K. Blodgett	"	.50
F. S. Bachelder	"	.50
Mrs. B. L. Calden	"	.25
J. C. Chase	"	.50
B. L. Calden	"	.50
H. J. Kent	"	.50

Received of Miss E. J. Osgood, tax,	.80
W. H. Raymond ..	.50
Mrs. A. W. Ranlet ..	5 00
F. J. Smith ..	.50
O. G. Smith ..	.50
George Ward ..	.50
George Nixon ..	.50
W. R. Kimball ..	6 60
A. P. Kelsey ..	.50
G. H. Harris, Jr. ..	1 00
G. W. Bailey .. in part.	8 00
Town to pay for stone	35 00
“ “ hardware bill	17 12
“ “ freight bill	14 70
“ “ drawing dirt	40 00
Pemigewassett Hotel, tax	82 00
B. C. & M. R. R. ..	4 00
C. M. Whittier ..	9 50
W. R. Brackett ..	6 25
F. C. Lougee ..	.50
W. G. Chase, ..	.50
Town to pay sewer bill,	205 26
J. A. Dodge, for brick,	13 20
Stage Company tax,	3 00
“ “ “	8 95
J. McQuesten, estate,“	27 00
B. P. Merrill ..	9 15
C. Sargent, for stone crossing,	17 45
Geo. Gilman tax,	.50
J. P. Huckins, for cement	7 56
J. Keniston, heirs, tax, in part	3 35
J. U. Farnham, tax,	.50
D. A. Webber, tax, in part	.05
Webster, Russell & Co., tax, in part	.51
J. F. Sanborn, for stone	.50
H. L. Chase tax,	.50
A. Burleigh ..	.50
G. H. Adams ..	.50

Received of J. S. Tufts	tax, in part	15 00
B. F. Clark	"	.50
J. F. Morton, heirs, tax		20 00
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		\$571 85

EXPENDITURES.

1877-8.

Paid for Notices,	\$3 00
M. Dickey, for overwork,	2 00
M. Dearborn, "	.75
Errand boy,	1 20
— Brown "	4 75
G. Downing "	1 18
L. Brock "	.25
N. Blodgett "	2 13
T. Calden "	.25
W. Webber "	14 10
George Worthen, "	8 93
Smith Rowe "	3 00
H. S. Gordon "	5 13
Hardware bill	17 12
T. Murphy "	1 25
J. W. Whiteman "	3 75
D. B. Flanders "	12 10
J. Micklon "	3 00
Freight bill	14 70
L. S. Hill "	7 32
W. Thornton "	25 73
C. Hazeltine "	5 50
J. Harron "	4 70
M. L. Huckins "	16 45
For axe lost	.75
Blacksmith bill	3 83
P. Wood, overwork	21 00
For covering stone	35 00
R. Hammond, overwork,	.20
A. R. Smith "	29 28
F. O. Sargent "	28 67
J. Keeble "	2 62

Paid S. R. Chase, overwork,	3 48
For dirt,	.35
Jona. Chase “	17 48
G. W. Garland “	12 49
W. G. Hull “	72 55
J. C. Berry, for stone	2 62
Sanborn & Blair, for stone	4 00
C. R. Crawford, for labor on sewer,	33 95
For check,	.10
F. Coffin, for cement	52 50
W. Chase, for overwork,	.20
Edward Coffin “	2 67
C. Dougherty “	3 24
C. A. Fellows “	3 00
B. F. Smith “	3 00
W. F. Langdon “	20 00
For dirt,	1 00
Freight bill,	21 05
For Inlets,	23 00
Cash on hand,	15 03
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	\$571 85

STATEMENT.

Assets.

Unpaid taxes,	253 21
Cash on hand,	15 03
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	\$268 24

Liabilities.

Due B. C. & M. Railroad, sewer bill,	63 96
C. Sargent, stone crossing bill,	17 45
W. L. Horner, concrete bill,	40 89
W. G. Hull, balance for services,	34 59
P. Fox, store account,	8 60
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	\$165 49
In favor of the District,	\$102 75

It will be seen that of the amount of highway taxes entrusted to us, viz: \$1,548.09 there only remains the small sum of \$253.21 uncollected, at this time, and this can be collected and

worked out next summer, if not expended within the fiscal year. A large share of the highway tax payers have come up promptly and either worked their taxes out, or paid them in cash, without grumbling, and appeared to be willing to aid us in working and repairing the highways in this district, for which we heartily thank them. Some of the tax payers, however, as will be seen by the foregoing statement, we regret to be obliged to say, have not paid there tax and have not seemed to care whether the highways were passable and in a proper condition or not, so far as any aid was to be derived from them. We desire to say further, that if the people of the town expect to have decent roads, such as are not a disgrace to the town, such as will prevent accidents and consequent damages to be assessed on the town, such as they need not be ashamed of when strangers pass through our town and over our roads, it would seem to be necessary that every one should be ready either to work out his taxes promptly and faithfully, or to pay the cash, so that the surveyors may be able to employ men to work on, and repair the roads. Every inhabitant of the town, ought to be, and is equally interested in having good roads. Good faithful men, men who have some knowledge of road building, and repairing, ought to be encouraged and sustained and aided, so long as they do their duty, and try to lay out the taxes faithfully, and to the best of their ability. Almost every stranger who stops in, or passes through our town, says we have one of the most attractive towns, and villages any where in the State but they generally add that our streets, and sidewalks, are not quite up to those of most other villages in the State.

We could respectfully recommend that the highway taxes be increased from one-fourth, to one-half of one per cent. No highway surveyor, if he does his duty, and has any pride in his town, and its looks, can get through the year, without paying out more money than he receives. He certainly cannot make any money out of it, and we submit he ought not to.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. BURROWS, } Surveyors of
Wm. G. HULL, { District No. 2.

Plymouth, March 1, 1878.

SCHOOL REPORT.

FELLOW CITIZENS :

In submitting my annual report it affords me pleasure to say, that in my judgment, the general success of our schools has been good, and in some instances very decided progress has been made. Some mistakes have occurred in the selection of teachers, and as a necessary result we have had some poor schools. But we have also had some schools, which I can justly commend as models of excellence. A good degree of harmony has prevailed in the several districts, and our schools have proceeded quietly and without interruption.

The prosperity of our schools depends very largely upon the sentiment and support of the community. Let each citizen be reminded that upon himself falls a share of the responsibility connected with the educational welfare of our children and youth.

SCHOOL MONEY.

Owing to the manner of dividing the school money and the limited amount raised the past year, the smaller districts have suffered considerably, and their schools have been necessarily shorter than in previous years. This is a defect that should be remedied. More money should be appropriated, and there should be a just and fair distribution of the school money among the several districts. It is the spirit and intention of the statute that the polls and estate shall be taxed to educate all the children of the town alike, and I respectfully recommend that a certain portion of the school money be divided equally among the districts and the remainder according to the inventory.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

The most serious difficulty in the way of a fair distribution and economical expenditure of the school money is the present inequality of school districts, and until we rearrange the present district lines, we cannot secure the best results by any method

of dividing the school money. There are now ten school districts in town, while in one of them there are only seven scholars, and in several others the number is quite small. If the number of districts could be reduced to six or seven, much better results would follow in the expenditure of the school money. A complete revolution in the condition of our school districts has taken place within the last quarter of a century. Many of the farms upon our hill-sides have been abandoned and the old homesteads deserted, so that the farming communities have become more or less depopulated, and in some of the districts where once the old school houses were well filled with eager boys and girls, hardly a dozen children are now found to take their places. The welfare of our schools imperatively demands a change and readjustment of district lines. If the same amount of money now divided among ten districts was divided among six or seven, our schools would be larger, more enthusiasm would be developed, better classification secured, better teachers could be employed and more inviting school houses afforded.

TOWN SYSTEM.

The adoption of the town system is naturally suggested as a remedy for present evils. But while I firmly believe in the town system, and am fully convinced that better results would follow should we adopt it and place the entire management and control of our schools in a town board of education, I am aware that our people are not yet agreed as to this much needed reform, and I do not therefore consider its adoption feasible at the present time. But I trust that the time is not far distant when we shall all recognize it as the only rational and economical school system.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEES.

The office of Prudential Committee is an important one, and the best men should always be selected by the districts. The success of our schools depends very largely upon the manner in which they perform their duties. They select teachers, they have the care of school buildings and furniture, they determine repairs, and the health and comfort of the scholars are in a measure dependent upon their efforts.

SELECTION OF TEACHERS.

I cannot but feel in some instances the Prudential Committees have not exercised a proper degree of care in the selection of teachers. Teaching is a profession, and special training is as necessary for that profession as for any other. With our only State Normal School located in our very midst,—an institution which our own munificence so generously aided to establish, we have the very best opportunities for selecting efficient and trained teachers, and our schools ought to attain a high degree of excellence, and reflect credit upon us as a community. Our best schools during the past year have been taught by those who have been trained in our Normal School.

TEXT BOOKS.

No change has been made in text books the past year, but a change in Arithmetics is imperatively demanded, and should be made as early as practicable the coming year. The Arithmetics now in use have many defects and should be replaced with a more modern and improved series. I should have made the change the past year, but in none of the books now published is the peculiar New Hampshire method for computing annual interest on notes and demands upon which partial payments have been made, fully explained, and as the publishers of one of the leading Arithmetics have intimated that they would in their next edition insert a correct treatise upon that subject, I have thought best to delay the change.

HOME TRAINING.

Home influences are always manifested in the school room, and they are powerful agents for good or evil. Home training and home culture have much to do with determining the character of our schools. Around the fireside of home children learn the lessons that shapes their future. Dr. Holland has well said: "it is in the little communities which we call American homes that the hope of America rests. It is here that subordination to wholesome restraints, and respect for law are inculcated. It is here, if anywhere, that the affections receive their culture, that amiable dispositions are developed, that the amenities of life are learned, and all those faculties and qualities are nurtured which enter into the structure of worthy character.—In the homes of America are born the children of America, and

from them go out into American life, American men and women. They go out with the stamp of those homes upon them, and only as these homes are what they should be, will *they* be what they should be."

OUR COMMON SCHOOLS.

We cannot overestimate the importance of our Common School system. The common school is the nations college.—They are the foundation of our intelligence and virtue, our industrial enterprises and our prosperity as a people. They are the best guarantee of good government and the success of our institutions. They are a better security to persons and property than armed legions. Good schools and the general diffusion of knowledge, are the surest and most effectual remedy for the prevention of crime and pauperism. Our free school system is justly the pride of our republic, and should ever ennoble and exalt us as a nation. It is true to day as it ever has been, that the only inheritance that falls to many of our New England youth, is the instruction and discipline they receive from our common schools, and from them a large proportion of our young men and women graduate to enter upon the duties and responsibilities of life. In our schools right training and correct instruction are ever necessary, for it is here as well as at the fire-side of home, that the mind receives those many living, lasting impressions which shape future character. Upon the children of to-day will soon fall the duties and responsibilities of citizenship and to their hands will soon be committed the honor of the State, its business interests, and the welfare of all our educational, religious, social and charitable institutions. The laws that are to govern the future they will enact, and with just such preparation as our common schools afford, will the majority of our children take upon themselves those important trusts.—Then let us liberally support and faithfully cherish our common schools, so that the school houses in our valleys and upon our hillsides shall become the scenes around which shall cluster the dearest interests of our commonwealth, and when in the future the children of to-day shall have drifted far and wide, they will look back with blessed memories and grateful hearts, to the

events of early life and the opportunities provided by us for their improvement.

In conclusion I desire to call your attention briefly to the character and progress of the schools in the several districts.

DISTRICT No. 1.

The Summer term of eight weeks was taught by Miss Emma J. Martin, a teacher of some experience, but deficient both in government and methods of instruction. The school was badly governed, and but little real progress was made.

No. of Boys 15; Girls 5; Average attendance 17.

No. attending to Reading 20; Spelling 20; Writing 6; Arithmetic 12; Geography 7; Grammar 5.

The Winter term of ten weeks was taught by Miss Cora L. Page. Miss Page is a graduate of our Normal school and a teacher of rare ability and marked success. Under her excellent care good order prevailed, and her energy and enthusiasm aroused the scholars to earnest effort. Miss Page proved a good disciplinarian and in instruction she is clear and accurate. The school was a decided success, and the district is worthy of commendation for the harmony that prevailed and the interest manifested this term, in the welfare of their school.

No. of Boys 17; Girls 6; Average attendance 20.

No. attending to Reading 23; Spelling 23; Writing 17; Arithmetic 18; Geography 11; Grammar 8; History 7; Map Drawing 8.

DISTRICT No. 2.

By an agreement with the Normal School, by which we pay them our school money, the schools of this district are under the control of the Normal School. Until the present year there have been but two departments, a Grammar and Primary school, and they have both been too large and too crowded, especially the primary. But at the beginning of the Fall term a Practice school was formed by withdrawing a portion of scholars from the Primary and Grammar schools, and by this means the crowded condition of these schools has been considerably relieved, and under the direction of faithful teachers a good degree of improvement has been made. In my belief the schools of this district are now in a more prosperous and progressive condition

than for several years past. Absence and tardiness have increased to an alarming extent in this district, and I would earnestly request the co-operation of parents in applying some remedy for this great evil.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL. The Spring term of ten weeks was taught by Miss Ellie M. Mussey, a teacher of experience and ability.

No. of Boys 23; Girls 22; Average attendance 35.

No. attending to Reading 45; Spelling 44; Writing 45; Geography 43; Grammar 43; Composition 10; History 5; Book Keeping 3; Drawing 2.

The Fall and Winter terms of ten weeks each were taught by Miss Nellie M. Thompson, a graduate of the Normal School and a teacher of refinement and ability. Miss Thompson is a faithful and efficient teacher, and is deservedly popular. Commendable progress was made both terms.

No. in attendance fall term, Boys 19; Girls 17; Average attendance 34.

No. attending to Reading 35; Spelling 36; Writing 36; Arithmetic 36; Grammar 23; Geography 29.

No. in attendance Winter term, Boys 18; Girls 18; average attendance 32.

No. attending to Reading 36; Spelling 36; Writing 36; Arithmetic 36; Geography 14; Grammar 22; History 12.

PRIMARY SCHOOL. The Spring term of ten weeks was taught by Miss Arzelia C. Clay.

No. of Boys 38; Girls 31; average attendance 53.

No. attending to Reading 69; Spelling 69; Writing 60; Arithmetic 50; Geography 30; Composition 45; Drawing 30.

The Fall and Winter terms of ten weeks each, were taught by Miss Fannie M. Stone, a teacher of rare energy and well fitted for the work of the school room. Under her faithful efforts good order was secured and maintained, and marked improvement made.

No. attending fall term, Boys 33; Girls 29; average attendance 54.

No. attending to Reading 62; Spelling 62; Writing 25; Arithmetic 23; Geography 11.

No. attending winter term, Boys 30; Girls 21; average attendance 43.

No. attending to Reading 51 ; Spelling 51 ; Writing 21 ; Arithmetic 20 ; Geography 8.

DISTRICT No. 3.

This district has had two terms of seven and eleven weeks respectively, both taught by Miss Louise V. George, a teacher whose large experience and earnest devotion to the work, have given her high rank as a teacher. Miss George did thorough work, and the school was a successful and useful one to the district.

No. attending first term, Boys 6 ; Girls 6 ; average attendance 10.

No. attending to Reading 12 ; Spelling 12 ; Writing 10 ; Arithmetic 10 ; Geography 6 ; Grammar 4 ; Composition 6 ; History 1.

No. attending second term, Boys 10 ; Girls 13 ; average attendance 20.

No. attending to Reading 23 ; Spelling 23 ; Writing 15 ; Arithmetic 23 ; Geography 7 ; Grammar 9 ; Composition 16 ; History 6 ; Book Keeping 4.

DISTRICT No. 4.

There has been but one term of twelve weeks in this district, taught by Miss Lizzie P. Whittemore. This was Miss Whittemores first term as a teacher, but she was faithful and earnest, and taught a good school.

No. of Boys 9 ; Girls 6 ; average attendance 12.

No. attending to Reading 15 ; Spelling 15 ; Writing 7 ; Arithmetic 12 ; Grammar 8 ; Geography 6 ; Composition 2

DISTRICT No. 5.

The first term of seven weeks was taught by Miss Nellie E. Morrill. The teacher was modest and quiet, but lacked energy and enthusiasm.

No. of Boys 6 ; Girls 9 ; average attendance 14.

No. attending to Reading 15 ; Spelling 15 ; Writing 7 ; Arithmetic 9 ; Geography 4 ; Grammar 3 ; History 2.

The Winter term of eleven weeks was taught by Mr. Charles S. Coffin, whose tact and energy made him at all times master of the situation. Mr. Coffin is a thorough scholar, a good instructor, and possesses the rare faculty of governing a school without the appearance of effort. The school was a decided success.

No. of Boys 6 ; Girls 8 ; average attendance 12.

No. attending to reading 14 ; Spelling 14 ; Writing 12 ; Arithmetic 13 ; Geography 7 ; Grammar 5 ; History 1 ; Physiology 5 ; Book Keeping 2 ; Drawing 4.

DISTRICT No. 6.

The Summer term of ten weeks was taught by Miss Nellie M. Thompson. The district was fortunate in securing the services of so worthy a teacher. Both teacher and scholars did their best to make the school a success, and they nobly succeeded, and are entitled to the credit of making it the best school in town. The examination at the close of the term gave evidence of thorough work, and reflected credit upon both teacher and scholars. This district now has the best school house in town, and it is an honor to the district and a comfort to the children who occupy it.

No. of Boys 20 ; Girls 26 ; average attendance 41.

No. attending to Reading 46 ; Spelling 46 ; Writing 18 ; Arithmetic 27 ; Geography 14 ; Grammar 13 ; History 1 ; Drawing 9.

The fall term of six weeks was taught by Miss Velma J. Stevens. The school was not so successful this term. I am unable to explain the peculiar conduct of the teacher in closing the school several days before the time assigned, and before I could have an opportunity to visit it at its close. I am satisfied however that it was not the fault of the Prudential Committee.

No. of Boys 17 ; Girls 19 ; average attendance 34.

No. attending to Reading 36 ; Spelling 36 ; Writing 16 ; Arithmetic 20 ; Geography 8 ; Grammar 9 ; History 1.

DISTRICT No. 7.

There has been but one term of nine weeks in this district, taught by Miss Mary A. Morrill. I was unable to visit this school and therefore am not sufficiently informed to speak of its progress.

No. of Boys 4 ; Girls 3 ; average attendance 6.

No. attending to Reading 7 ; Spelling 7 ; Writing 5 ; Arithmetic 5 ; Geography 3.

DISTRICT No. 8.

This district has had only one term of ten weeks, taught by Miss Nellie E. Morrill, who taught the Summer term in District No. 5.—The school was small and did not attain a high degree of excellence.

No. of Boys 8 ; Girls 3 ; average attendance 9.

No. attending to Reading 11 ; Spelling 11 ; Writing 5 ; Arithmetic 10 ; Grammar 2 ; Geography 4 ; Physiology 1.

DISTRICT No. 9.

The Summer term of seven weeks was taught by Miss Ida E. Knapp. This was the teachers first term, and she labored faithfully for the interests of the school, but failed somewhat in the matter of discipline. Fair progress was made.

No. of Boys 7; Girls 7; average attendance 12.

No. attending to Reading 14; Spelling 14; Writing 13; Arithmetic 14; Geography 13; Grammar 3; History 1.

The Fall term of eight weeks was taught by Miss Ella Wilkinson, who fully maintained her former reputation as a thorough and faithful teacher. Good order prevailed and marked improvement was made.

No. of Boys 8; Girls 6; average attendance 13.

No. attending to Reading 14; Spelling 14; Writing 12; Arithmetic 12; Geography 11; Grammar 12.

DISTRICT No. 12.

This district has had two terms, both taught by Miss Ellie M. Mussey, a thoroughly competent teacher. The Summer term of ten weeks was quite successful and gave general satisfaction. But during the latter part of the Fall term of eight weeks, a trifling difficulty arose between the teacher and some of the scholars, in relation to a matter of school discipline, and a few of the parents, unwisely I think, allowed their children to withdraw from the school.

No. attending Summer term, Boys 9; Girls 13; average attendance 18.

No. attending to Reading 22; Spelling 22; Writing 7; Arithmetic 17; Geography 14; Grammar 8; Composition 4; History 4.

No. attending Fall term Boys 12; Girls, 12; average attendance 19.

No. attending to Reading 24; Spelling 24; Writing 24; Arithmetic 23; Geography 8; Grammar 6; Composition 4; History 2; Book Keeping 4.

Respectfully Submitted,

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